



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 618**

January Session, 2015

Substitute Senate Bill No. 1083

*Senate, April 13, 2015*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. CASSANO, S. of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY WAYS TO  
REGIONALIZE, PROFESSIONALIZE AND ENHANCE THE  
EFFICIENCY OF ELECTION ADMINISTRATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2       to study election administration in the state. Such study shall include,  
3       but not be limited to: (1) An examination of methods to regionalize,  
4       professionalize and enhance the efficiency of election administration,  
5       including the division of duties between the municipal clerk and  
6       registrars of voters, representation of minor parties and unaffiliated  
7       voters and vacancies in the office of the registrars of voters, and (2)  
8       recommendations for any legislation necessary to implement such  
9       methods.

10       (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

11       (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,

12 one of whom shall be a member of an organization representing  
13 registrars of voters;

14 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one  
15 of whom shall be a member of an organization representing large  
16 municipalities;

17 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
18 Representatives, who shall be a town clerk;

19 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
20 a member of an organization representing small municipalities;

21 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
22 Representatives, who shall be a town clerk;

23 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
24 a member of an organization representing registrars of voters;

25 (7) The Secretary of the State, or the secretary's designee; and

26 (8) Two appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a  
27 member of the general public and one of whom shall be a  
28 representative of an organization that promotes voter participation  
29 and registration.

30 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1) or  
31 (2) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General  
32 Assembly.

33 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
34 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
35 filled by the appointing authority.

36 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
37 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
38 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
39 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
40 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section. The last

41 meeting of the task force shall be held not later than December 15,  
42 2015.

43 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
44 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections  
45 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

46 (g) Not later than January 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a  
47 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
48 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
49 relating to elections, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
50 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
51 submits such report or January 1, 2016, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | New section |
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**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:**

| Agency Affected        | Fund-Effect         | FY 16 \$          | FY 17 \$ |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Various State Agencies | GF - Potential Cost | Less than \$1,000 | None     |

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 in FY 16 to those agencies participating in the task force to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses.

**The Out Years**

There is no ongoing fiscal impact because the task force terminates in FY 16.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 9      Nay 6      (03/25/2015)